GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1395
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MOBILE PHONES TO SC JUDGES
KANTI SINGH;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;RENUKA CHOWDHURY;SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government`s attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Hellow Your Lordship` as reported in the `Indian Express` dated September 1, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the details of persons to whom this gift facility has been extended so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): MTNL has provided 29 Cellular Mobile (Dolphin) connections to the Supreme Court through Registrar.The Dolphin services have been provided under the `Corporate Plan` under which no security deposit is taken where minimum connections applied is ten or more. This plan was duly approved by TRAI.

It is further stated that MTNL Mobile Service Unit has taken roof top space for setting up a Base Transreceiver Station (BTS) Antenna in the Supreme Court premises. Monthly rental for this accommodation amounting to Rs. 58,000/- per month shall be adjustable @ Rs. 2,000/- per connection per month in all the 29 bills containing rental and call charges. The balance bill amount against all the 29 connections shall be payable by the Supreme Court to MTNL.Also the 29 Mobile handsets provided are against three months advance rental and security deposits, for the premises.